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Good Hearted Former Mayor, Whose Money Was Given Liberally to Friend and Foe, Had Nothing Left.

The Battle for Delegates, Committeeships and Other Big Plums Taking Up Attention of Local Statesmen.

Wet and Dry Question Will Cut a Big Figure in Next Year's Battle Throughout the State of Illinois.

Factions in Both the Big Parties Are Making a Hard Fight for the Control of the Managing Committees.

hearted former mayor and postmaster of Chicago, died broke.

He was good to everybody, friend and foe, in his lifetime, and when he died his estate, which was generally supposed to be large, turned out to be less than nothing.

Mrs. Josephine L. Busse, widow of the former mayor, submitted an account of the liabilities, assets, bursements and cash received by her as administratrix of his estate. The account was filed with Philip P. Bregstone, assistant to Judge Henry Horner, in the Probate court.

A recapitulation shows that \$11, 140.46 was paid out; that unpaid liabilities, consisting of claims allowed in the Probate court, amount to \$187,-790.94; that claims pending aggregate \$186,000; that the total disbursements and liabilities are \$384,935.88, and that the total personal property is \$119,-181.51. The deficiency of personal as sets, the account shows, is \$265,817.37. Following are some of the items in-

cluded in the account: Cash Received from Different Parties

Aug. 5-From Equitable Life Insur

ance Company, \$31,947.17. Aug. 5-From North Avenue State Bank, dividend on stock, \$17.50. Aug. 5-From Ernest J. Stowe, for milk delivered, \$299.88.

Sept. 15-From Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company, for insurance,

Oct. 6-From North Avenue State Bank, dividend on stock, \$17.50. Oct. 30-From sale of personal prop-

erty, \$3,071.70. Nov. 25-From George L. W. Barnard, return of donation, \$25.

Jan. 5-From North Avenue State Bank, dividend on stock, \$17.50.

Feb. 3-From trustee of George W. Jackson, inc., bankrupt, on account of claim for fees, \$350.

April 6-From North Avenue State Bank, dividend on stock, \$17. July 2-From James A. Quinn, in full payment of five notes, \$500.

Nov. 30-From James T. Leath for membership in Illinois Athletic Club, sold, pursuant to order of court. \$450.

Total, \$37,276.51. Amount of personal property taken by widow on account of her award,

Appraised value of personal property still on hand and undisposed of.

Estimated value of claims for fees due for services rendered as receiver

and trustee in following matters: Kellogg MacKay Company. O'Gara Coal Company. Middle States Coal Company.

Vivian Collieries Lumber Company. William Gunton Lumber Company. Harrisburg Saline Collieries Com-

Harrisburg Big Muddy Coal Com-

Imperial Mining Company. George W. Jackson, Inc.

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Fred A. Busse, the popular and good- | All these matters, pending in the counties in the state. Orders of the United States District court amount to \$75,000.

Estimated value of stocks and bonds (all "desperate"), \$5,000. Estimated value of doubtful open ac counts, \$50.

Estimated value of chattel none.

Estimated value of claim against George A. Busse to recove personal property situated in Lake Villa, Ill., known as Pine Meadow Farm, now in litigation in Circuit Court of Lake County, unknown. Value of certificate for fifty shares of

stock in T. A. Cummings Foundry Company, of the par value of \$100 each, held as security by William C. Niblack, receiver of La Salle Street Trust and Savings Bank, for a note of Fred A. Busse for \$41,847.75 none:

Grand total, \$119,118.51.

DEMS TO GET A ROAST

National Committee Gives St. Louis the Convention Despite Hard Fight Made for Our Town.

The only place that compares with Shermun's definition of war, for summer hest, is St. Louis.

We have been there to a few conventions and know something about the feelings of a broller.

But nevertheless the Democratic National Convention is going to roast, stew and broil in St. Louis next June Chicago lost the Democratic Na-

tional Convention to St. Louis because Senator Reed of Missouri needed help in his Senatorial candidacy and be cause the Democratic national committee did not think Chicago should have both conventions. The deciding vote war: St. Louis, 28; Chicago, 15, and Dallas, 9. The convention will be held June 14.

Democratic committeemen were told it was a foregone conclusion Chicago would be given the Republican convention when the G. O. P. committee meets in Washington next week

Senator Lewis, Governor Dunne and Roger Sullivan addressed the committee in behalf of Chicago, but as one of the Chicago delegation expressed it afterwards, "the cards were

stacked against them." "They were lined up before we got here," Roger Sullivan laconically remarked after the ballot was an-

Well, St. Louis got the convention and the delegates will get-heat.

Lord & Thomas: While you are telling the city what to do in behalf of the Traction Company, please tell the city to enforce that city ordinance requiring the traction company to sprinkle all streets carrying their track from curb to curb, to lay the

Governor Edward F. Dunne appointed George B. Van Norman, Chicago; W. L. O'Connell, Chicago, and Guy Houston, Blandinsville, as a committee to investigate the charges that the Union Stock Yards has refused to acMr. Breyer fill this bill.

Feb. 8-Registration for city

Feb. 9 and 10-Canvass of 12-Revision for city election Feb. 29-City primary. March 14-Registration for

March 15 and 16-Canvass of pre-March 18-Revision of registry.

March 21-Second registration for city election. March 22 and 23-Canvass by pre

March 25-Final revision of regis April 4-City election.

April 11 - Primary for national dele-June 5-Judicial election. (Nomina tions by convention.)

Aug. 23-New registration for fall primary. Aug. 24 and 25-Canvass by precincts Aug. 26-Revision of registrry.

13-Primary, county and Oct. 7-Registration for fall elec-Oct. 17-Second registration for fall

Oct. 18 and 19-Canvass of tre-Oct. 21—Final revision of registry for fall election. Nov. 7-Election, county and state.

Mayor Thompson Intimates That There Will Be a Clean Sweep for Cause Scon.

There is much shaking in boots in the City Hall over the announcement by Mayor Thompson that the investigation now being conducted by the civil service commission as to municipal corruption would be so far reaching as to take in practically every department in the city service. "I cannot go into details at this time, but I know that the civil serv ice commission is getting its hooks on a lot of crooks in the employ of the city, and the public will be amazed when the scandal is made known,"

said the mayor. "Does the scandal that you refer to involve any of the employes in the street department, who are under of the library board by appointment of charges and awaiting trial?"

"I am in a position where I cannot say much except that the evidence that has been gathered is not confined that the former mayor is to name the to any one department or group of new postmaster, and that he shall be a individuals," the mayor replied.

Republicans of the Ninth District Favor the Election of the Manufacturer to the National Convention.

About the Work of Public Officials and Gossip Others in Various Departments of Public Life.

Public Men and Public Conditions as They Are Seen by the People in the Light of Their Performances.

JOB HOLDERS SHIVER General Information of a Public and Political Nature From All Parts of the State and All Parties In It.

> National Convention from the Ninth district.

William Wrigley, Jr., financier and manufacturer, one of the financial in 1912, has deserted the bull moose and will be a candidate for delegate tion of 1916 from the Ninth congres sional district.

The return of Mr. Wrigley to the blows received by the progressives in the west. Three years ago he was at the forefront of the bull moose offensive and carried with him the banner not only of a large personal folof business men in all parts of the United States who banked on his political as well as his business judgment. He contributed to the bull

William Wrigley Jr. is the popular | moose national campaign the sum of | choice for delegate to the Republican \$25,000, the largest amount subscribed by a Chicagoan.

"I am with Teddy for anything he wants from dog catcher to czar." said Mr. Wrigley, as he handed his check mainstays of the Roosevel: campaign to Ralph Otis, treasurer of the bull Fire Marshal's Office: G. A. Hick moose campaign. But now he believes that the field

activity for progressive republicant is back in the G. O. P. In order to fight for his convictions in the party councils he has decided to ask the republican fold is one of the hardest republicans of the Ninth district to to send him as a delegate to the national convention. When he announces his candidacy formally he will declare himself for United States Senator Lawrence Y. Sherman, favorite son of lowing in Chicago, but also hundreds | Illinois, for the nomination for presi-

ECKHART FOR

Merchant Miller Makes a Strong Plea for a Tariff That Would Bring Prosperity.

A higher tariff to protect American manufacturers from a deluge of cheap goods from Europe when the war closes is expected to be urged upon Congress by the conference called at the Congress Hotel by the Illinois Manufacturers' Association.

Bernard A. Eckhart, chairman of the tariff committee of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association, laid the blame for what he called bad times on the Underwood tariff law of the democratic party and declared that only the war, which caused foreign governments to become purchasers in large quantities of American goods had brought back some of the prosperity of four years ago.

"Many of the most enlightened thinkers in this country believe that the United States has enjoyed and would again enjoy a greater measure of prosperity imposed by a law scientifically framed than under a system of tariff devised and administered for proposition to operate trailers?" Prespurposes of revenue only," said Mr. Eckhart "Since the early days of the republic the dispute over the tariff has been a political teeter board upon which one party has been lifted into power as the other party has been lowered and the duties upon imports have been raised or reduced just as one end or the other of the tariff plank has gone up or down."

Governor Dunne loses a large slice

of patronage to Attorney General P. J. Lucey through the bill just passed and signed, giving the attorney gen-Chicago affairs, precipitating a legal eral an appropriation of \$100,000 to employ assistants to take charge of legal matters arising in the various departments. The new act, which carries an emergency clause, will turn over to Mr. Lucey the appointment of lawyers for ten boards and commis-

> It affects the following Dunne appointees, who have been serving as special attorneys:

Public Utilities Commission: E. Jennings, \$7,000; T. F. Mullen, \$5,000; Thomas O'Hare, \$3,500; J. D. Hess, \$3,000; G. M. Morgan, \$3,000. Insurance Department: A. A. Mc-

Factory Inspection: J. P. Reed, \$1.500.

Food Commission: J. McCarthy, \$1,800. Board of Health: T. S. Hogan, \$2,

man, \$1,500. The attorney general's appropriation of \$100,000 is to defray expenses itemized in the original appropriation bills at \$228,706, as set forth in the statement given out by Mr. Lucey at Springfield last week. It includes the \$50,000 to the water way commission for surveys, engineering and legal ex-

Charges of inefficiency, misconduct, neglect of duty and wilful waste of the city's supplies were filed with the city's civil service commission against the following employes of the street bureau:

Walter G. Leininger, superintendent of streets. James H. La Velle, general fore-

man of street restoration. Thomas L. Dooley, general foreman of asphalt repairs. All of the men were suspended last

month. Percy B. Coffin. president of the civil service commission, announced he signed the charges and will not sit as a member of the trial board.

The accused men probably will be put on trial next Friday and the hearings will be held in the city council chambers, the commission deciding that the regular hearing room was too small to accommodate the large number of persons who probably will wish to attend the hearing. The charges against Leininger summarized are:

That he permitted the padding of the pay rolls in his bureau with the names of men who drew pay from 'he city but did no work. That he contracted for 500,000 gal-

lons of oil in April, 1913, at a higher rate than the market value. That he wasted \$100,000 of the city's

funds in inefficient street cleaning in the spring of this year. That he discriminated in favor of

certain contractors in the sale of materials to the city.

La Velle was accused of being absent from work for unreasonable periods, allowing city's materials to be used by private individuals and corporations, favoring certain contractors and being interested in certain firms doing work for the city.

Similar charges were made against Dooley.

Having given nearly everybody a bad cold for the winter, the Health Department has canned the fresh air car fad.

The Health Department is fearfully interested in fresh air street cars. If was more interested in fresh air theaters many of the "movie" houses would not smell as bad as they do.

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NO SEATS NO FARE

Traction Co., Ignoring O'Connell Public Utilities Order for Seats for Everybody, Puts On Very Open Airs.

Chairman William L. O'Connell pro- | this order presents some serious prob- | ed against now with the type of fenmulgated the order of the Board of Public Utilities on the Chicago traction lines compelling them to provide seats for all passengers and to install trailers whenever necessary to carry this order out.

Union Stock Yards and Transit Com-

pany, allowing shipments of cattle.

sheep and hogs from townships where

foot and mouth disease is not preva-

Carter H. Harrison has endorsed

two of his political friends for the

Campbell, and he expects one of the

two to be the next postmaster. Ern-

est J. Kreutgen, 548 Addison street,

president of the Germania club, and

member of the school board, through

appointment by the former mayor, and

Charles C. Breyer, 2330 North Kedzie

boulevard, a plumber and a member

Mr. Harrison, are the two names sub-

mitted. There is an understanding

with Senator Lewis and Gov. Dunne

lent, became effective Monday.

The traction company refused to obey this order and appear to be aided and abetted in their apparent determination to discommode the public, by certain members of the city

The following extract from the official proceedings of the Public Utilities Commission and the City Council Committee may enlighten the public to some extent as to the attitude of the traction companies.

Before the State Public Utilities Commission: Commissioner Walter A. Shaw-You believe, Mr. Busby, as a practical railroad man, that, in view of the development and improvement effected in cars, it would be a practical proposi-

tion to operate trailers?" President Leonard A. Busby, of the Chicago Surface Lines-Yes, and I think it would be a help. To the City Council:

We wish to call your attention to the fact that the State Public Utility Commission's order is not only in direct conflict with important provicept shipments of cattle from certain | The conflict of authority presented by second car are more carefully guard-

lems with reference to which we der used on the improved car. should be advised as to the city's views and positions. L. A. BUSBY, President. Before the Council Transportation

Committee: W. W. Gurley, Chief Counsel for the Chicago Surface Lines—The Surface Lines will follow the provisions of the 1907 ordinance which forbid the

use of trailers Alderman Henry Utpatel - That neans that you will refuse to install trailers?

Attorney Gurley-We will abide by the terms of the city ordinance, and would like to know what the city is going to do to protect the authority of its enactment as violation of the State Commission's orders carries with it a punishment of fine and imprisonment. The record of the State Commis-

with reference to trailers: Leonard A. Busby-"As a matter of fact the development and the perfection of equipment which has resulted in the control of the motor has made practical the operation of the trailer car and there is no question but that

sion's hearings contains the following

tain lines would be an advantage. "They have those cars now so we have a brake on every car with consions of the traction ordinances, but trol the same as on a single car. The purports to assume jurisdiction of the difficulties that at one time existed-Commission over the street railways I will say the only difficulty-about to the exclusion of control by the city. the danger from accidents from the

the operation of a trailer car on cer-

Commissioner Walter A. Shaw-Then you believe, Mr. Busby, as a practical railroad man, that in view of

the development and improvement

effected in cars it would be a practical

ident Busby-"Yes, and I think it would be a help." From indications it would seem as though the letter sent to the city council by President Leonard A. Busby of the Surface Lines asking the city to define its position toward the state's ruling was a step in a carefully worked out plan of legal strategy by which the aldermen will be used

The plan, according to reports, is to egg the city on to an attack upon the jurisdiction of the state body over battle which may drag on in the courts for years.

to pull the traction magnates' chest-

nuts from the fire.

With the two regulative bodies ocked in a jurisdictional struggle, the traction attorneys are said to have advised their clients the traction companies can continue their present methods of crowding in strap-hangers without fear of interference.

The City Council has not definitely disposed of the protest against the city paying 55 per cent of the Lord & Thomas advertising bills incurred by the Traction Company for "educating" the aldermen and the public.